

FACTS

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ABOUT WATER

WATER POLLUTION -- WHAT CAN I DO?

Water is man's most precious resource. But like other resources, it is not limitless. Clean water, necessary for drinking, recreation and the survival of aquatic life, can only be maintained if we use it wisely.

We borrow water. We must return it as clean if not cleaner. This can be done if we are prepared to put forth the necessary personal and financial efforts.

We all use water. Thus we must all accept the responsibility for pollution. We must all help with the task of remedying the causes.

Government and industry are swiftly designing and implementing pollution abatement projects costing millions of dollars.

But what about you? What is your pollution ethic?

What Can I Do?

(1) Inform yourself and your family about the causes of pollution and its dangers.

(2) Join and support citizen groups in working for better water quality.

(3) Check your personal water habits when fishing, boating and picnicking. Keep river banks and shorelines clean.

(4) Don't leave water taps running unnecessarily. The water you are using doesn't belong solely to you.

(5) Measure detergents carefully. This significantly reduces the problem of phosphate pollution.

(6) Use soap flakes or phosphate-free detergents whenever possible.

(7) Check your septic tank annually.

(8) Fill outboard motors carefully. Don't drain oil or gas from power mowers or other machines into sewer systems or water courses.

(9) Never flush away what can be put into the garbage. Some objects cannot be broken down in water and cause serious pollution problems.

(10) Report violations of pollution abatement regulations to your local health department, the police or the Ministry of the Environment.

It's your water. Protect it!

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